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AID FOR OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR CHINA

REF: A) STATE 183108, B) BEIJING 15572, C) STATE 177848

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN VIEW OF RECENT OFFICIAL CHINESE GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS DENYING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN BEIJING, THE EMBASSY NOW SEES NO REPEAT NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE AUTHORITIES HERE WILL ISSUE AN APPEAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. WITHOUT SUCH AN APPEAL, NO CHINESE ENTITIES CAN ACCEPT MEDICAL OR OTHER AID FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY THAT IS SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR VICTIMS OF THE MILITARY CRACKDOWN. MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF THE VIOLENCE HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING TREATED IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED HOSPITALS. THESE MEDICAL FACILITIES CANNOT RECEIVE OR ACCEPT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A DIRECT APPROACH TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE STRONGLY REBUFFED. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ANY USG ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF MILITARY VIOLENCE IN CHINA SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WASHINGTON AGENCIES, THEREFORE, MAY WISH TO KEEP CHANNELS OPEN WITH THE ICRC, UN AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE DEVELOP.

4. CHANNELING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SINO-JAPANESE OR SINO-GERMAN HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN CHINA MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE (EVEN IF IT IS POSSIBLE), SINCE THESE FACILITIES ARE NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE TREATING ANY OF THE VICTIMS OF MILITARY VIOLENCE.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LILLEY

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